

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the title as follows:

POWDER COMPACTING METHOD AND POWDER COMPACTING DEVICE

Following the title, please insert the following paragraphs:

Cross-Reference to Prior Application

This is a U.S. National Phase application under 35 U.S.C. §371 of International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2002/007537 filed July 25, 2002, and claims the benefit of Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-205621 filed July 15, 2002 both of which are incorporated by reference herein. The International Application was published in Japanese on January 22, 2004 as WO 2004/007184 A1 under PCT Article 21(2).